

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

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A RESOLUTION to express support for the Nation of Israel.

WHEREAS, the Nation of Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, there have been established and recognized Jewish communities throughout the State of Tennessee since before the 1850s, and those communities and their citizens have been an integral part of the development of every aspect of this State; and

WHEREAS, prior to and during World War II, citizens of the State of Tennessee traveled to Europe and rescued many Jewish families and individuals from the terror and tyranny of the Holocaust and resettled those individuals and families in the State of Tennessee, where they and their descendants remain valued citizens today; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Governor Don Sundquist signed the Tennessee-Israel Cooperation Agreement with the Nation of Israel, resulting in business, governmental, art, cultural, educational, and university activities between the State of Tennessee and the Nation of Israel, and further strengthening the historic ties between our State and that country; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America and Israel have a long history of friendship and are great allies in support of each other's interests; and

WHEREAS, at this time of continued uncertainty in the world, Tennessee again desires to reaffirm its friendship with the Nation of Israel by expressing its unequivocal support for the State of Israel; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Nation of Israel and extend

Tennessee's friendship and esteem as we remain steadfast in our support of the Nation of Israel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper authorities in the Nation of Israel.